[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER *RE*

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House the following message, dated 9th March 1956, received from the Governor of Madras :—

" In pursuance of Article 207, clause (1) read with Article 199, clause (1), sub-clause (*a*) of the Constitution of India, I, Sri Prakasa, Governor of Madras, hereby give my recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras General Sales Tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1956."

III.—PRESENTATION OF SECOND SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1955-56.

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. the Leader of the House will now present the Final Supplementary Statement of Expenditure for the year 1955–56.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, I present the Second Supplementary Statement of Demands for Grants for the current financial year, 1955–56 and the detailed estimates thereof. Copies of the Statement of Demands and the estimates have been laid on the table of the House.

In connection with the budget for 1955–56, 42 Demands for Grants were presented to the Legislature and approved in March 1955. These involved a total sum of Rs. 88½ crores under ' Voted ' expenditure, besides an amount of Rs. 24¼ crores under ' Charged ' items of expenditure, making a grand total of nearly Rs. 113 crores. The first supplementary statement of Demands for Grants for this year was presented in November 1955, involving a sum of Rs. 80 lakhs under ' voted ' expenditure and about Rs. 4 lakhs for ' charged ' expenditure. This statement was mainly for the purpose of getting the general approval of the Legislature for new service schemes sanctioned earlier. The present supplementary statement covers 36 Demands for Grants and is for a total sum of about Rs. 58 crores, comprising Rs. 57·7 crores for ' voted ' expenditure and Rs. 0·65 crore for ' charged ' expenditure. Hon'ble Members will, no doubt, be surprised at the fact that the supplementary statement is for such a large sum. But this is due mainly to a change in the budgetary procedure. In the budget, there are transactions which are recorded under the head ' suspense ' under various grants. These involve debits and credits, and the net debit or credit alone was shown in the budget for 1955–56, by means of a single entry under the ' suspense ' heads in the grants concerned. At the instance of the Accountant-General, Madras, the Government decided in the course of the year to split up the ' suspense ' head into two, one to show the total of all the debits (expenditure) anticipated during the year and the other to show the total of all